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Janet Henney, M.D.
Commissioner, FDA
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Henney:


I recently learned that you are considering changing the warning on olestra containing products. I believe that a stronger and more conspicuous warning should be placed on the containers which contain olestra.

My sister consumed olestra containing potato chips and suffered from gastric cramps and diarrhea. She also had Addison's disease. After she had experienced the diarrhea and abdominal cramps, she laid down. She went into an Addisonian crisis and died.

I strongly believe that a side effect which causes severe abdominal cramping and diarrhea should be made known to people who would consume this product. Significant abdominal cramping and diarrhea can have significant clinical effects on patients with many different medical conditions.

I strongly urge you to increase the size of the warning on olestra containing products and make it more conspicuous.

Sincerely,



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